the fowls which we call ' barnacles,[5] in the north of England brant geese, and in Lancashire tree geese Mr Gerard hath himself found similar between Dover and Romney, for causing the trunk of an old rotten tree to be drawn out of the water, there were growing on it many thousands of long crimson bladders, in shape like unto puddings newly filled befoie the} be sodden, very clear and shining At the nether end did grow a shellfish, fashioned somewhat like a small mussel, but whiter In these shells were found Irving things without form or shape , in others things that were very naked in shape like a bird, in others the birds covered with soft down, the shell half open and the bird ready to fall out >

$rd December THE VENETIAN CORN SHIP

There is still dispute concerning that Venetian ship the *St Agatha Monsim* which was driven into Portsmouth last January laden with corn that was sold because of the then scarcity Martin Fredenco, a merchant of Venice, hath procuration from the Sigmorv to follow a cause, complaining that the corn was undervalued, sold at low prices, and a great part missing Dr Julius Caesar and others are appointed to examine the matter and to certify to the Council what fault they find in the dealing of the Commissioners, for her Majesty hath care that the Signiory should have all the satisfaction in these causes which in equity ought to be afforded them

qth December THE SERMON AT PAUL'S CROSS

Mr John Howson to-day preached the sermon at Paul's Cross on Matthew zxi, 12 and 13, showing how unlawful is the buying and selling of spiritual promotion Saith that this buying and selling in the Church will make barren the two Universities , for those that be bred up in

learning having in
childhood suffered great and grievous affliction in
the grammar
schools, when they be come to the Universities
live either of the
College's allowance, needy of all things but
hunger and fear,
or being maintained by their own or their
parents' cost, do
expend in necessary maintenance, books, and
degrees ^500 or
1,000 marks before they be come to perfection
If they ~~then~~
cannot purchase a poor parsonage or vicarage of
^40 or £50 a
year unless they pay to the patron for the lease
of their life